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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Official Action dated April 24, 2003, applicants hereby elect Species I which is defined as hydrophobic high molecular compound having at least either a functional group represented by formula (1) or formula (2). Claims that read on this election are believed to be claims 1 and 3.

This election is made without traverse based on the stated understanding in the Official Action that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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